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Applicant: Guttman *et al.*

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Hon. Commissioner for Patents:

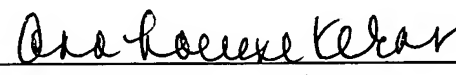
Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated May 13, 2003, which detailed a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Office Action contained a two-way Restriction Requirement.

Applicants elect the claims in Group II, claims 21-32, drawn to a method of separation without traverse. Applicant cancels the claims of Group I (1-20 and 33-44) without prejudice for prosecution at a later date.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to
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